Vanderwagen, Director, Clinical and Preventive Services, Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Washington State Attorney General Christine Gregoire, Olympia; Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, Denver; Gary Lasley, Omaha

Tribe of Nebraska, Macy; Mark Hutton, Hutton & Hutton, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe; Alex Tallchief Skibine, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; and Franklin Ducheneaux, Ducheneaux, Taylor & Associates, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 40 public bills, H.R. 3205–3244; 1 private bill, H.R. 3245; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218–222 and H. Res. 360–364, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Donald F. Christian of Fairfax, Virginia.

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Journal: By a yea and nay vote of 353 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 14, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 11.

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Dismissing Election Contest: The House agreed to H. Res. 355, dismissing the election contest against Loretta Sanchez by a yea and nay vote of 378 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 16.

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By a yea and nay vote of 194 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 15, rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Oversight with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment to strike the preamble.

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Suspension Failed—Voter Eligibility Verification Act: By a yea and nay vote of 210 yeas to 200 nays (with two-thirds required for passage), Roll No. 17, the House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1428, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a system through which the Commissioner of Social Security and the Attorney General respond to inquiries made by election officials concerning the citizenship of voting registration applicants and to amend the Social Security Act to permit States to require individuals registering to vote in elections to provide the individual's Social Security number.

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Recognizing POWs During Vietnam Conflict: The House agreed to H. Res. 360, recognizing the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict.

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George Washington's Birthday Observance: Agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to appoint two members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington's birthday to be held on Monday, February 23, 1998.

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Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

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Resignations—Appointments: Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 24, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:40 and reconvened at 5:05 p.m. Page H490

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H449–50, H463–64, H464, and H477. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201, adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 for Morning Hour Debates.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.